

(2) promotes the profession of teaching and the contributions of educators by encouraging students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199—CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 16, 2021, AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE SENATE TO COMBATING HATE, BIGOTRY, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 199

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, a shooter murdered 8 people and injured 1 in the Atlanta, Georgia region in 3 separate shootings that took place at Asian American-owned spas;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 8 innocent lives lost—7 of whom were women, 6 of whom were women of Asian descent, and several of whom were immigrants;

Whereas the victims included Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung “Julie” Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Suncha Kim;

Whereas 49-year-old Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, a hardworking mother and the owner of one of the spas, was a dedicated and caring business owner who is survived by her daughter and husband;

Whereas 44-year-old Daoyou Feng was an employee who recently began working at one of the spas;

Whereas 33-year-old Delaina Ashley Yaun González, a newlywed and mother of 2, was at one of the spas to receive a couple’s massage with her husband when her life was cut short;

Whereas 54-year-old Paul Andre Michels was a caring husband and United States Army veteran who did maintenance work for one of the spas and is survived by his wife;

Whereas 63-year-old Yong Ae Yue was a mother of 2 sons who was known for her kindness and generosity and her love of her pet Shih Tzu;

Whereas 74-year-old Soon Chung “Julie” Park was a mother and grandmother who helped manage one of the spas and helped to prepare meals for the employees;

Whereas 51-year-old Hyun Jung Grant was a former elementary school teacher and hardworking single mother who dedicated her life to raising her 2 sons;

Whereas 69-year-old Suncha Kim was a wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed line dancing and had been married for more than 50 years;

Whereas the Georgia shootings came in the midst of an alarming surge in anti-Asian

hate crimes and incidents that have caused many Asian Americans across the United States to feel fearful and unsafe;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric, whether related to the COVID-19 pandemic or not, is completely unacceptable and should be condemned by all people of the United States;

Whereas, in 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities throughout the United States;

Whereas, according to a recent report by Stop AAPI Hate, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021;

Whereas 68 percent of reported incidents of anti-Asian hate targeted Asian American women, a population that has been historically marginalized, sexualized, and fetishized;

Whereas, on March 19, 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris met with Asian American leaders in Georgia and reaffirmed their strong commitment to condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and violence targeting the Asian American community; and

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of these shootings and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence that led to the tragic loss of 8 lives in Georgia on March 16, 2021;

(2) condemns any racism and sexism in the choice of the shooter to target Asian American-owned businesses and murder 6 women of Asian descent;

(3) honors the memory of the victims, offers heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and recognizes that the healing process will be long and difficult for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all communities impacted by this tragedy; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States Federal Government to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200—CONDEMNING RECENT HATE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. OSSOFF, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 200

Whereas following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders;

Whereas between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, there have been 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate incidents and crimes reported from all

50 States, United States territories, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas during this timeframe, race has been cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of incidents;

Whereas roughly 36 percent of these incidents took place at a business and more than 2,000,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses have contributed to the diverse fabric of American life;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander youth under 20 years old make up approximately 13 percent of victims;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander elderly over 60 years old make up approximately 7 percent of victims;

Whereas, on January 28, 2021, Vicha Ratanapakdee died from injuries after being horrifically attacked in front of his home;

Whereas the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Los Angeles has warned Thai people in California to be on their guard following the killing of Vicha Ratanapakdee;

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, the following 8 people were murdered in 3 Asian American-owned spas in Atlanta, Georgia: Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 6 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, were women of Asian descent—Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 1 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, was a veteran who served in the United States Army—Paul Andre Michels; and

Whereas Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to American culture: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) affirms that the United States stands united in condemning and denouncing any and all anti-Asian and Pacific Islander sentiment in any form;

(2) condemns all manifestations or expressions of racism, and anti-Asian and Pacific Islander or ethnic intolerance;

(3) calls on the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate to strongly consider holding a hearing related to the surge in violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

(4) applauds the Department of Justice’s commitment to conduct a 30-day review of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which will seek to improve the Federal Government’s capacity to track and identify hate incidents, review civil enforcement authorities, and assess whether additional money is needed to support law enforcement’s response to the surge in violence; and

(5) calls on Federal law enforcement officials, working with State and local officials—

(A) to expeditiously and vigorously investigate all reports of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes in the United States;

(B) to work to improve the reporting of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes; and

(C) to hold the perpetrators of those crimes accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201—AMENDING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPATION OF ABSENT SENATORS DURING A NATIONAL CRISIS

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KING, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 201

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF ABSENT SENATORS DURING A NATIONAL CRISIS.

Rule XII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the following:

“5. Senators may use technology that has been approved by the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate as reliable and secure to cast their votes from outside of the Senate Chamber if the majority leader or his or her designee and the minority leader or his or her designee jointly determine that an extraordinary crisis of national extent exists in which it would be infeasible for Senators to cast their votes in person. If such a crisis is determined to exist, Senators may cast votes under this paragraph during the 30-day period beginning on the date on which such determination is made, unless such period is extended for one or more additional 30-day periods by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn. During such period, Senators participating remotely and using approved technology to cast their votes under this paragraph shall be deemed present for purposes of establishing the presence of a quorum. The determination made under this paragraph shall not rely on any decision of any other branch of the United States Government. The majority leader or his or her designee and the minority leader or his or her designee shall submit at the beginning of the first session of each Congress an order for designees of each caucus in the case of such a crisis.”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 202—DESIGNATING MAY 7, 2021, AS “UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED, OR ARE PRESENTLY SERVING, IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 202

Whereas the Foreign Service of the United States (referred to in this preamble as the “Foreign Service”) was established through the enactment of the Act entitled “An Act for the reorganization and improvement of the Foreign Service of the United States, and for other purposes.”, approved May 24, 1924 (43 Stat. 140, chapter 182) (commonly known as the “Rogers Act of 1924”), and is now celebrating its 97th anniversary;

Whereas the Rogers Act of 1924 established a career organization based on competitive examination and merit promotion;

Whereas, in 2021, just less than 16,000 men and women of the Foreign Service are serving at home and abroad;

Whereas Foreign Service personnel are supported by more than 60,000 locally engaged staff in nearly 300 embassies and consulates, who provide unique expertise and crucial links to host countries;

Whereas Foreign Service personnel comprise employees from the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the United States Agency for Global Media;

Whereas the diplomatic, consular, communications, trade, development, security, public diplomacy, and numerous other functions that Foreign Service personnel perform constitute the first and most cost-effective instrument of the United States to protect and promote United States interests abroad;

Whereas the men and women of the Foreign Service and their families are increasingly exposed to risks and danger, even in times of peace, and many have died in the service of the United States;

Whereas employees of the Foreign Service work daily—

- (1) to ensure the national security of the United States;
- (2) to provide assistance to United States citizens overseas;
- (3) to preserve peace, freedom, and economic prosperity around the world;
- (4) to promote the ideals and values of the United States, internationally recognized human rights, freedom, equal opportunities for women and girls, rule of law, and democracy;
- (5) to promote transparency, provide accurate information, and combat disinformation;
- (6) to cultivate new markets for United States products and services and develop new investment opportunities that create jobs in the United States and promote prosperity;
- (7) to promote economic development, reduce poverty, end hunger and malnutrition, fight disease, combat international crime and illegal drugs, and address environmental degradation; and
- (8) to provide emergency and humanitarian assistance to respond to crises around the world;

Whereas, in response to the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic, all of the foreign affairs agencies of the United States have worked tirelessly to support the people of the United States, often placing their own safety and well-being at risk;

Whereas the foreign affairs agencies and the American Foreign Service Association have observed Foreign Service Day in May for many years; and

Whereas it is both appropriate and just for the United States as a whole to recognize the dedication of the men and women of the Foreign Service and to honor the members of the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the loyal pursuit of their duties and responsibilities representing the interests of the United States and of its citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) honors the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States for their dedicated and important service to the United States;
- (2) calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the service and sacrifice of past, present, and future employees of the Foreign Service of the United States, wherever they

serve, with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(3) designates May 7, 2021, as “United States Foreign Service Day” to commemorate the 97th anniversary of the Foreign Service of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 203—CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACK IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, ON APRIL 15, 2021, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL OF THOSE IMPACTED BY THAT TRAGEDY

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 203

Whereas, on April 15, 2021, a mass shooting took place in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the FedEx Ground Plainfield Operations Center;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 8 innocent lives lost in that unthinkable tragedy: Matthew Alexander, Samaria Blackwell, Amarjeet Kaur Johal, Jasvinder Kaur, Amarjit Sekhon, Jaswinder Singh, Karli Smith, and John Weisert;

Whereas the people of the United States express gratitude for the heroic actions of the men and women of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, who courageously responded to the attack and saved countless lives;

Whereas the people of the United States express appreciation and gratitude for all of the first responders who quickly responded to the attack and the professionals and volunteers who cared for the injured;

Whereas the people of the United States continue to pray for the individuals who were wounded in the attack and continue to recover;

Whereas the entire Indianapolis community—and all Hoosiers—united in support of the victims and their families; and

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of this attack and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) condemns the senseless attack that led to the tragic loss of 8 lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, April 15, 2021;
- (2) honors the memory of the victims who were killed;
- (3) expresses hope for a full and speedy recovery and pledges continued support for the individuals injured in the attack;
- (4) offers heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Indianapolis community and the families, friends, and loved ones affected by the tragedy; and
- (5) honors the selfless and dedicated service of—
 - (A) the medical professionals and other individuals who cared for the victims in the community of Marion County, Indiana;
 - (B) the emergency response teams and law enforcement officials who responded to the call of duty; and
 - (C) the law enforcement officials who continue to investigate the attack.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9—SUPPORTING THE LOCAL RADIO FREEDOM ACT

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following